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A Fest-ive Fourth

Garmisch, Stuttgart celebrate Independence Day



Robert Fletcher

Kayla Tropea, 17 months, and her mother, Tara, take a spin on one of the many rides that lined Patch Barracks' Husky Field during Stuttgart's five-day Independence Day celebration. USAG Garmisch entertained with its annual County Fair on June 30. For more Independence Day celebration photos see pages 8 and 9.

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Expressions of Independence

As Americans around the world celebrate their nation's 231th birthday, The Citizen takes a look at what some of the world's most noted thinkers have said about the elusive entities known as freedom and independence:

If our country is worth dying for in time of war let us resolve that it is truly worth living for in time of peace. — *Hamilton Fish*

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness. — *Declaration of Independence*

We on this continent should never forget that men first crossed the Atlantic not to find soil for their ploughs but to secure liberty for their souls. — *Robert J. McCracken*

Freedom is nothing but a chance to be better. — *Albert Camus*

Where liberty dwells, there is my country. — *Benjamin Franklin*

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Bush: U.S. service members ensure 'every day is Independence Day'

The following is an excerpt of President George W. Bush's Independence Day speech given to members of the Air National Guard Base in Martinsburg, W. Va.

George W. Bush
U.S. President

The 4th of July is a day for celebration and a day for gratitude. Across America, our citizens are going to come together for parades and pyrotechnic displays, and readings from our Declaration of Independence. It's a grand celebration. It's a great day to be an American.

And when we carry on these festivities, it's important you know we're carrying on a grand tradition. This isn't the first time our country has celebrated the 4th of July. As a matter of fact, I would like to read a couple of paragraphs from a 1777 newspaper. And here's what it said on the first anniversary of the Declaration, as it described the scene in Philadelphia:

"The 4th of July was celebrated with joy and festivity, fine performances, a number of toasts, followed by a discharge of artillery and small arms" -- don't do that today. "And at night there was a grand exhibition of fireworks and the city was beautifully illuminated." This newspaper article from Philadelphia in 1777 went on to say: "Thus may that glorious and memorable day be celebrated through America by the sons of freedom, from age to age till time shall be no more." We're still celebrating, and rightly so.

Our first Independence Day celebration took place in a midst of a war -- a bloody and difficult struggle that would not end for six more years before America finally secured her freedom. More than two decades later, it is hard to imagine the Revolutionary War coming out any other way -- but at the time, America's victory was far from certain. In other words, when we celebrated the first 4th of July celebration, our struggle for independence was far from certain. Citizens had to struggle for six more years to finally determine the outcome of the Revolutionary War. ...

On Independence Day we give thanks, we give thanks for our Founders, we give thanks for all the brave citizen-soldiers of our Continental Army who dropped pitchforks and took up muskets to fight for our freedom and liberty and independence.

You're the successors of those brave men. Those who wear the uniform are the successors of those who dropped their pitchforks and picked up their muskets to fight for liberty. Like those early patriots, you're fighting a new and unprecedented war - pledging your lives and honor to defend our freedom and way of life. In this war, the weapons have changed, and so have our enemies, but one thing remains the same: The men and women of the Guard stand ready to put

On this 4th of July, I ask every American to find a way to thank the men and women who are defending our freedom - and the families that support them.

on the uniform and fight for America. ...

And your service is needed. We need for people to volunteer to defend America. Because in this war, we face dangerous enemies who have attacked us here at home. Oh, I know the passage of time has convinced some -- maybe convinced some that danger doesn't exist. But that's not how I see it, and that's not how many of you see it. These people want to strike us again. We learned on September the 11th that in the age of terror, the best way to do our duty, which is to protect the American people, is to go on the offense and stay on the offense. And that's exactly what we've been doing against these radicals and extremists. ...

There's more than one front in this war against these radicals and extremists. And, obviously, the toughest threat of all is in Iraq. In that country, we removed a cruel dictator who harbored terrorists, paid the families of Palestinian suicide bombers, invaded his neighbors, defied the United Nations Security Council, pursued and used weapons of mass destruction. The world is better off without Saddam Hussein in power. And today, U.S. and coalition troops are standing with the Iraqi troops and the nearly 12 million Iraqis who voted for a future of peace. ...

Our troops in Iraq, Afghanistan and other fronts in the war on terror are serving in a cause that is vital and just. And on this 4th of July, I ask every American to find a way to thank the men and women who are defending our freedom -- and the families that support them. ...

As we celebrate our independence this 4th, we can have confidence in the enduring principles of our founding. The words of our Declaration hold a promise for all mankind - and those ideals continue to inspire millions across the world. ...

We're doing the hard work now so generations of American kids can grow up in peace. It's necessary work, it's important work, and I thank you for your sacrifices.

May God bless you, and may God bless America.

The full text of this speech can be accessed online at www.whitehouse.gov.

Stay safe when enjoying summer

By Brig. Gen. Susan S. Lawrence

This July 4th, we celebrate our nation's 231st year of independence. As we pause to celebrate and reflect on the many freedoms we enjoy, also keep in mind those members of our Army who are deployed to secure those freedoms. Please make every effort to care for their family members and keep them involved in your activities.

Whether you plan to travel, barbecue, cycle, participate in sports or engage in other summer activities, the Composite Risk Management approach can help you and your family enjoy off duty time with minimal risk.

Plan for plenty of rest when driving long distances, obey the speed limits, always require everyone in your vehicle to fasten their seat belts, know your athletic abilities and limits, use the right protective gear, swim only in authorized areas, watch over and supervise children, and leave fireworks displays to the professionals. Additionally, never mix alcohol with any activity where impaired judgement could endanger yourself or others.

Leaders must personally engage to help reduce the likelihood of these needless losses. We must foster an "Own the

Edge" mindset in our Soldiers, Civilians and Family members to enable them to minimize risk on and off duty through Composite Risk Management. Your tasks are the following:

- Officers, NCOs and supervisors of Soldiers will conduct "Oak Tree Counseling" and establish one-on-one verbal contacts with their Soldiers to commit to responsible behavior. Ask tough questions; identify high risk plans, and help Soldiers realistically manage risk. Senior leaders should also mentor junior leaders in the same manner.

- Ensure that POV risk assessments are completed before Soldiers go on leave, pass, or TDY/The Travel Risk Planning System (TRiPS), formerly ASMIS-2, POV Risk Assessment Tool is available on the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center site. The AE Form 385-55B Motorcycle Risk-Management Worksheet, is also an excellent tool to assess the risk level of current motorcycle operators. ...

Lead by example and commit to our goal: No Accidental Loss of Life both on and off-duty.

Lawrence is the commander of the 5th Signal Command. The full original text of this message may be accessed online at www.5sigcmd.army.mil.



Soldiers from the 554th Military Police Company pause to salute Cpl. Karen Clifton during a June 29 remembrance ceremony held in the Patch Barracks Chapel. Clifton died June 21 while conducting combat operations in Baghdad, Iraq.

A community mourns loss of 554th Soldier during ceremony on Patch

Story & photo by Brandon Beach

Stuttgart community members gathered in the Patch Barracks' Chapel June 29 to honor Cpl. Karen Clifton, a Soldier with the 554th Military Police Company who died while serving her country in Iraq.

"For 12 months, Cpl. Clifton patrolled some of the most dangerous streets on Earth," said Cpt. Donald Davidson, commander of the 554th. "She had an unwavering commitment to her team."

A native of Lehigh Acres, Fla., Clifton enlisted in the Army in 2004. Last year, she deployed with the Bamberg-based 630th MP Co. for a 15-month tour. Clifton, who was 22, died on June 21 when a rocket-propelled grenade hit her Humvee in northeast Baghdad.

"She was brave and most of all loved her job," said Pvt. 1st Class Casey Slate of the 554th in her remarks. "She was one of those Soldiers who gave 110

She was brave and most of all loved her job. She was one of those Soldiers who gave 110 percent all the time.

Pvt. 1st Class Casey Slate
554th Military Police Company

percent all the time."

Best known for her punchy humor and quick wit, Clifton could lift the spirits of the Soldiers around her and "provide comfort even in the darkest days," said Davidson.

The service concluded with a final roll call by the unit's first sergeant and three rifle shots fired over Washington Square, which is adjacent to the chapel.

Following the ceremony, Soldiers and civilians lined the aisle to salute Cpl. Clifton one last time. At the front

of the chapel stood a rifle, pair of boots, helmet and her set of dog tags.

"She chose to act to make the world a better place," said Davidson "To Cpl. Clifton's parents and sister, I want them to know we will never have the same grief as you. Please know that we do grieve with you. Karen is part of our lives."

Clifton is survived by her father, Douglas, mother, Christine, and sister, Cindy. She was buried last month in Long Creek, Ill., the Herald & Review reported.

News & Notes

MBA program to start in Stuttgart

You can help bring a Masters in Business Administration (MBA) program to the Stuttgart Education Center. The University of Phoenix is scheduling classes to begin in June, one night a week, at the Stuttgart Education Center, Building 2915, Panzer Kaserne.

For more information, contact Maria Neelands at 373-7650/civ. 06221-588-0492 or e-mail Maria.Neelands@phoenix.edu.

Home buying seminar on Panzer

Several German banks are now willing to provide 100 percent financing to U.S. personnel for the purchase of a home in the Stuttgart area.

The first in a series of seminars on buying property in Germany hosted by the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Housing Office will be July 17, 5 to 7 p.m. German banks will provide information designed to provide potential buyers a better understanding of the process. Walk-ins are welcome, but space is limited.

For more information, or to reserve a seat, call the Stuttgart Housing Office at 431-2420/civ. 071031-15-2420 or stop by the Housing Office, Building 2913, Panzer Kaserne.

EUCOM hosts career symposium

U.S. European Command, Stuttgart, Germany hosts a Career Management Symposium (CMS) July 19 to 20. The symposium will be presented by a team from the Center for Career Development.

The symposium is designed to provide career information directly to Sailors and Officers and to provide current manpower and retention information to Command Career Development Teams. It provides Sailors and their families support to make informed, unemotional career decisions and commands with resources and information to assist their retention efforts.

All Sailors and Officers have a chance to attend a Career Information Brief. Each workshop targets a different audience, including Junior Enlisted, Senior Supervisor and Junior Officer. The workshop is an "apples-to-apples" comparison of Navy careers to civilian careers, and challenges many myths regarding compensation, relocations, and quality of life. All Officers and Sailors, including family members and Ombudsmen, are encouraged to attend the Career Decision Briefs to obtain all the information needed to make informed career choices. These briefs are an unbiased review of the pros and cons of careers in the Navy and in the private sector.

The CCD visit will include briefings for commands CO/XO/CMC/CCC on Navy's present retention climate, CCD mission, and a review of Navy's career counselor community. Enlisted and Officer Spouses brief are also provided, if desired, to keep them informed on the value of Naval service and current policies.

For more information, contact NC1 (SW/AW) Joseph Parent at 430-4421 or e-mail parentjo@eucom.mil.

Stuttgart Psychiatry Office info

The Stuttgart Psychiatry Office, located next to the Veterinary Clinic in Building 2996 on Panzer Kaserne, provides services to active-duty military and their dependants only by referral from the Stuttgart Health Clinic.

Appointments are available weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Upon referral, appointments can be made by calling 431-2751 or 07031-15-2751.

Wandering Club seeks volunteers

The Stuttgart German-American Wandering club is in need of volunteers for its 33rd Annual International Volks-march July 27 to 30. Volunteers are needed to help set up tents, serve food and beverages, cook, sell club T-shirts, attend to parking, as well as to donate baked goods.

For more information, contact the club coordinator via sgawc1972@yahoo.com or call 07031-63-3757.

Kelley SAS offers summer camp

Students in first through fifth grades can spend a summer fun with the Kelley School Age Services- Ultimate Summer Camp program Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Enjoy arts, crafts, sports, swimming and weekly trips through Aug. 24.

Register your child at the CYS Central Registration Office on Patch Barracks.

Motor Vehicle/Motorcycle Awareness Day

Hosted by the USAG Stuttgart Safety Office

July 14
Panzer Mall Parking Lot

Event includes free safety inspections, bike show, games for kids and gift drawings by Harley Davidson Military Sales. Live music by DJ Mac.

For details call 421-2752/civ. 0711-729-2752.

Stuttgart Garrison prepares for July 19 command ceremony

USAG Stuttgart PAO Release

After nearly two years as the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart commander, Col. Kenneth G. Juergens will relinquish his command and authority to Col. Richard M. Pastore during a change of command ceremony on the Kelley Barracks' in Stuttgart at 10 a.m. on July 19.

All community members are invited to attend the ceremony that will highlight the age-old Army tradition of an out-going commander handing over the unit guidon to the in-coming commander. The ceremony will also include Soldiers and civilian employees from the U.S. Army Garrison Garmisch and will be immediately followed by an official retirement ceremony for Juergens and his wife, Gaby.

Parking for the dual-event ceremony will be available in the parking lot

across the street from the AAFES gas station and in front of the Kelley Fitness Center.

The ceremony will be held on Cooper Field, located behind Kelley Hotel and the reception for the in-coming commander will be held inside the Kelley Club. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremonies will be held inside the Kelley Gym. Additionally the ceremony will include musical overtones from the 338th Army Reserve Band from Ohio and Michigan and members of the 1st/ 94th Field Artillery from Baumholder and 12th Chemical Company from Grafenwoehr will make up the 28-member ceremonial salute battery.

Following the change of command ceremony, Col. Juergens will be officially



Col. Kenneth G. Juergens took command of USAG Stuttgart Aug. 5, 2005. He will be replaced by Col. Richard M. Pastore during a July 19 ceremony on Kelley Barracks' Cooper Field.

retired from the United States Army by the Deputy Commander of U.S. European Command, Gen. William "Kip" Ward.

During his two-year tenure as Garrison Commander, Col. Juergens oversaw and established such community projects and initiatives as the complete renovation of the Kelley Theatre and its attached Broadway Café, the development and fostering of a number of German/American program and events, the opening of the 394-seat Patch Theater, the addition of 100 parking spaces near Husky Field on Patch Barracks and the establishment of the Community Winter and Harvest Fests.

Col. Juergens and his wife, Gaby and son, Thyer will move on to OshKosh, Wisconsin where he will work with OshKosh Truck corporation.

EUCOM Inspector General Office holds community service meeting June 19

Story by Sgt. First Class Joe Perz
U.S. European Command IG Office

Here to Help the Team!" is the motto of the U.S. European Command Inspector General Office. It also was the common refrain of a gathering of Stuttgart community service providers recently. On June 19, the EUCOM IG hosted representatives from 14 community service offices from the Stuttgart military community for the purpose of co-



Perez

ordinating and collaborating their efforts to "help the team." These offices provide "assistance services" to the community.

The EUCOM staff that were represented included the DoDDS School

Liaison, Medical Clinic/TRICARE, Army Community Services/Family Advocacy (ACS/FAP), Civilian Personnel Advisory Center (CPAC), civilian Equal Employment Opportunity office (EEO), military Equal Opportunity (EO), Kelley Legal Services Office, USAG Stuttgart IG, Civilian Misconduct Authority, Stuttgart Education Center, and the community Chaplain's office.

This was the first such gathering of Stuttgart service providers in nearly three years.

"I knew it was time to convene this meeting when I realized that many of the names of my traditional community POCs had changed", said Don Keeler, chief of the EUCOM IG Assistance Branch, who along with teammate Sgt. First Class Joe Perez, organized the meeting." Keeler continued, "People often contact the IG for assistance because they don't know who else to call. Networking with other service providers in the Stuttgart community links our EUCOM staff clients to those in the community who can help them best."

After introductions, participants briefly explained their mission, how they interact with each other, and they shared examples of the value of networking between service/support agencies. In closing, all agreed that meetings of this sort are valuable to improving coordination, collaboration, and information sharing in efforts to assist Soldiers, civilians, and family members of the Stuttgart military community.

"I found the exchange of information very helpful," said Pete Marchesani, chief of the Stuttgart CPAC. "We all provide some sort of service or support for the DoD military and civilian personnel of the Stuttgart Military Community. It helps when we're synchronized. We appreciate the EUCOM IG for taking this initiative, so that we can all better help the largest tenant unit in the Stuttgart military community, HQ EUCOM."



Brig. Gen. Susan S. Lawrence, left, accepts the 5th Signal Command guidon from USAREUR Commander Gen. David D. McKiernan during a June 14 ceremony.

Lawrence takes helm of 5th Signal, replaces Via in June 14 ceremony

Story by Kristopher Joseph

The reigns of United States Army, Europe's 5th Signal Command were entrusted to a new leader at a change of command ceremony held at the Taylor Barracks Parade Field June 14.

The Dragon Warriors of 5th Signal along with over 500 guests welcomed incoming commander Brig. Gen. Susan S. Lawrence who accepted the colors from reviewing officer and USAREUR Commander Gen. David D. McKiernan. Lawrence also assumes duties as the Senior Mission Commander for the Mannheim, Heidelberg, Darmstadt and Stuttgart military communities as well as USAREUR's Chief Information Officer and Assistant Chief of Staff, G6.

Outgoing commander Brig. Gen. (P) Dennis L. Via served 22 months as 5th Signal's commander and will take charge of the U.S. Communications-Electronic Life Cycle Management Command at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. He departs with his wife Linda and their two sons, Brian, 15, and Bradley, 10.

"There are no words to adequately express what an honor and privilege it has been to lead and serve in this command," said Via during his outgoing remarks. "I watched in awe as you made excellence routine, the difficult easy, and the complex simple. You are truly unsung heroes, and undoubtedly among the finest communicators in the world."

'Great day to be a Soldier'

Lawrence, a native of Ida Grove, Iowa, comes to 5th Signal after serving as the Director, Command and Control, Communications and Computer Systems, J6, of U.S. Central Command. She had previously served in 5th Signal Command as commander of the 7th Signal Brigade from November 2000 to February 2003.

"I look forward to working with this command to ensure we are ready, trained and equipped to execute any mission, across the full spectrum of operation," she said during her incoming remarks.

"Together we will continue to reach new standards and heights founded in our

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Brig. Gen. Dennis L. Via
Outgoing 5th Signal Commander

values and warrior ethos. I'm honored by the selection to command this outstanding unit and am extremely honored to serve with you."

McKiernan also thanked Via and Lawrence during his speech for their service in the signal community and had a few words to say about the command that Lawrence was given charge of.

"It's a great day to be a Soldier in United States Army, Europe and one significant reason for that can be credited to the technical and warfighting efforts of this command.

In the last two years, the 5th Signal Command has been fully engaged in transformation while fighting the Global War on Terrorism and never allowing a break in communications."

About 5th Sig. Command

5th Signal Command, headquartered on Funari Barracks, is the Army's largest and most forward deployed theater signal command. The command's mission is providing premier command and Information Technology support for all major subordinate commands in USAREUR.

This article originally appeared online at www.imcom-europe.army.mil.

Joseph is a staff writer for the 5th Signal Command Public Affairs Office.

Athletes set to compete in Military World Games in India

By Tim Hipps

Thousands of military athletes from the Conseil International du Sport Militaire's 128 member-nations are expected to seek "friendship through sport" during the 4th Military World Games Oct. 12-21 in Hyderabad, India.

CISM plays host to Military World Championships in more than 20 sports every year, but the Military World Games - held every four years since 1995 - is its premiere event.

"We have two goals," said CISM President Brig. Gen. Gianni Gola of Italy. "It is fundamental for us to have great competitions - to have the best military athletes competing - and we want to extend our values by developing friendship through sport. The ultimate goal is peace."

Gola hopes to attract 100 nations to compete in the games, which are on the radar of both the International Olympic Committee and the United Nations. "We are very young, but still strong," he said. "We strive to keep our competitive sports at a high level, but we also place a lot of importance on values."

"We are considered a unique international sports organization. Thousands of military athletes, coaches, team captains and mission chiefs travel around the world to attend our events."

The United States joined CISM in 1951, which today boasts 128 nations dedicated to "friendship through sports to get to peace," said Lt. Gen. James Lovelace Jr., the U.S. CISM chief of delegation.

"Our involvement in CISM strengthens important military interactions and builds trust between our multinational partners," Lt. Gen. Lovelace said. "I applaud India for organizing the fourth Military World Games. Under the CISM motto of friendship through sport, it will hopefully produce extremely positive and long-lasting relationships."

About 120 U.S. military athletes will



Tim Hipps

Wrestling will take center stage, along with other sports, during the Military World Games in India.

compete in sports including boxing, judo, parachuting, sailing, shooting, soccer, swimming, track and field, triathlon, volleyball and wrestling in India. They are expected to be most successful in shooting, parachuting, sailing and women's soccer, according to Suba Saty, the U.S. Armed Forces Sports secretariat, who will lead the American contingent to his homeland of India.

"This is going to be one of the most unique Military World Games because it's not in Europe, as were the last three," Saty said. "This time it's in Asia. Iran is coming, and we're hoping for Iraq and Afghanistan as well. South Korea and North Korea will be represented in individual sports."

"For those 10 days, hopefully, we can all come together on sports fields. We have seen our athletes being friendly and shaking hands with athletes from Iran and Syria. They have to be ambassadors."

The U.S. military, in fact, received \$1.2 million from the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for the Military World Games because they are in Asia, a region deemed important to international relations by U.S. military officials.

Tim Hipps is a public affairs officer with the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command. This article originally appeared online at www.army.mil.



Karl Weisel

Sprinters leap off the blocks in last year's German-American track meet in Hanau.

Track champs tourney set for Hohenfels

U.S. Army IMCOM Europe Region
Public Affairs Office

The 2007 U.S. Forces Europe Track and Field Championships will be held July 28 in Hohenfels, Germany. The competition will take place at the Regensburg Sports Verein complex.

A full slate of scheduled men and women's track events include: individual sprints, and middle and long-distance races (100; 200; 400; 800; 1,500; 5000 meters), relays (400

and 1,600 meters), and hurdles. Field events planned are shot put, high jump, long jump, triple jump, discus and javelin.

Any U.S. servicemember, civilian employee or adult family member 18 and older is eligible to participate.

For more information on the tournament, contact meet coordinator Bill Craven at 466-2868 or e-mail bill.craven1@us.army.mil. This article originally appeared online at www.imcom-europe.army.mil.



courtesy

Scott Kelly, a Navy SEAL with Naval Task Unit-2, crosses the finish line with his two sons during the Ironman Switzerland held June 24 this year in Zurich.

Stuttgart Navy SEAL completes Ironman best in Zurich June 24

Story by Marty Smith
USAG Stuttgart Fitness Office

Scott Kelly, a Navy SEAL with Naval Warfare Task Unit-2, completed the Ironman Switzerland June 24 in a time of 10 hours and 46 minutes.

The result was a personal best for Kelly, a petty officer first class on Panzer Kaserne, who also completed the United Kingdom Ironman last summer. Ironman Switzerland, held in Zurich, is well known for the hilly bike course, but Kelly put in a strong bike leg of 5 hours 33 minutes, after a 2.4 mile swim of 57 minutes.

Kelly, who is separating from the Navy later this year, hopes to put his triathlon experience to good use as a professional recruiter for the Navy, using triathlons as a recruiting platform.

Toughest part of the ironman? Miles 9 to 25 of the marathon

I really enjoy a challenge and setting an example for my boys.

Scott Kelly
Ironman Finisher

Most memorable moment? Being able to share this accomplishment with my boys when I crossed the finish line.

Why did you do it? To accomplish a goal I set for myself when I started doing triathlons five years ago. I really enjoy a challenge and setting an example for my boys.

And, will you do one again? Definitely, as soon as I can convince my wife into letting me do one again.

Flag football official's clinic, tourney planned in Heidelberg

U.S. Army IMCOM Europe Region
Public Affairs Office

Installation Management Command-Europe's Morale, Welfare and Recreation training center will host a certification clinic for flag football officials July 24 to 28, along with a clinic tournament at Tompkins Barracks.

"We will be providing garrison football officials with training they need to hold follow-up clinics for teams in Child and Youth Services and intramural sports," said Tom Hlavacek, an IMCOM-Europe MWR training specialist.

Attendees will focus on current rules, points of emphasis, officiating changes and field mechanics, and then take a written test before taking part in the practical examination: Officiating at the tournament.

Kurt Klier, director of the intramural sports program at the University of Maryland, will oversee instruction during the



Hugh C. McBride

Though the July 28 tourney in Heidelberg is only open to adults, flag football is a sport beloved by all age groups.

five-day class. No stranger to holding flag training clinics, Klier has served as director and assistant director of officials for the National Flag Football Championships.

For more on the clinic, call Hlavacek at DSN 373-7693 or Tom Benson at DSN 373-6460.

Food, fun, friendship & fireworks

Stuttgart, Garmisch residents celebrate Independence Day



Robert Fletcher



Larry Reilly



Larry Reilly



Drew Benson



Larry Reilly

[Top] Cpt. Adrian Mills and his daughter, Makya, fish for ducks at one of the many game booths that lined Husky Field July 4 on Patch Barracks.

[Top Left] U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Commander Col. Kenneth G. Juergens, left, and Bill Butler, USAG Stuttgart food services contractor, sample the ceremonial keg to officially open Stuttgart's July 4 celebration.

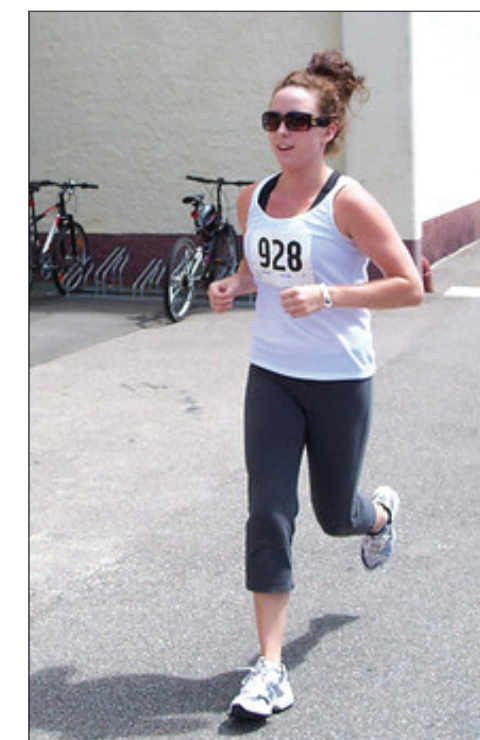
[Bottom Left] Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Q. Barbary of USAG Stuttgart, left, and Wolfgang Bayer, second mayor of Garmisch, kick off Garmisch's County Fair with their own ceremonial keg tap June 30.



Jeremy Beal



Drew Benson



courtesy www.mwfirstchoice.com

[Above] Garmisch youth show off their newly painted faces June 30 on Artillery Kaserne.

[Above Right] Cpt. Tammy Galloway finishes the 5-kilometer Firecracker Fun Run July 7 on Patch.

[Left] A Garmisch resident balances herself atop a stack of beer crates, one of several games set up throughout Artillery Kaserne during the community's annual County Fair June 30.

[Far Left] A Stuttgart youth enjoys a spin around one of the many festival rides that dotted Patch Barracks' Husky Field during the community's five-day Independence Day festival July 4 to 8.

[Far Left] Fireworks light up the night sky over Patch Barracks' Husky Field July 4.

[Right] Nothing says "county fair" quite like a pie baking contest, held June 30 in Garmisch.



Jeremy Beal

Stuttgart strikes gold in Little League tourney

Squad travels to Poland to compete for spot in World Series

Story by Lawrence Tannenbaum

After dropping their first game of the tournament, the Stuttgart/Wiesbaden (SW) Bulldogs climbed their way out of the loser's bracket to win the championship game of the Little League Germany District tournament held June 29 to July 1 on Kelly Barracks.

Road to the finals

In the opening game of the tournament against Kaiserslautern Military Community (KMC), the SW Bulldogs jumped out to an early 3-1 lead through three innings behind the strong pitching and a homerun by Dylan Measells, who finished the game with nine strikeouts. However, Bulldog fielding errors in the fourth and fifth innings gave KMC a 7-3 lead going into the sixth.

A late rally by the Bulldogs with clutch hitting by Ryan Tannenbaum, Ben Carson, and Roderick "Skooter" Bynum closed the gap to 7-5, but the rally ended with a single by Chris Byrd to center field, when Joe "Fish" Patrick was thrown out in a close play at the plate to seal the victory for KMC. The loss forced the Bulldogs to continue their quest for the championship via the loser's bracket.

On day two of the tournament, the Bulldog bats came alive with a 22-2 victory over Eifel, with Bulldog pitchers Chris Byrd and Ben Carson combining to hold Eifel to only two hits and two runs.

A homerun by Bulldog catcher Ryan Tannenbaum and multiple hits and runs by C.J. Kellogg, Kevin Perry, Tommy Cashman, Jack Smith, Jack Maccagnan and Connor Rinoski advanced the Bulldogs to a game against Heidelberg/Mannheim on Saturday.

In that game, the Bulldogs jumped out to an early first inning 3-0 lead off back-to-back homeruns by Joe "Fish" Patrick and Dylan Measells. The Bulldogs didn't slow down in the second inning picking up another five runs off a homerun by C.J. Kellogg and runs scored by "Skooter" Bynum, Tommy Cashman, and Jack Smith. Starting pitcher "Skooter" Bynum picked up the win with five strikeouts and held H/M to three hits and one run for the 11-1 victory. With the win over Heidelberg-Mannheim and the Eifel teams, the Bulldogs earned a Saturday afternoon



all photos courtesy of SW Bulldogs
Joe "Fish" Patrick of the Stuttgart/Wiesbaden Bulldogs takes a big swing during the team's run at the Little League German District title. Next up, the Bulldogs travel to Poland to compete against the top European teams of Little League baseball.

The Bulldogs will face American teams from Europe and the Middle East, with the winner earning a trip to the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa.



Members of the SW Bulldogs won this year's German District Little League Championship.



Chris Byrd held Eifel batters to two hits to lead the Bulldogs to a 22-2 win on Saturday.

rematch with the undefeated KMC team.

Needing a victory to advance to the Transatlantic European Championships, KMC jumped out to an early 1-0 first inning lead with KMC pitcher Jared Ash holding the Bulldogs scoreless into the third inning. Joe "Fish" Patrick started a third inning rally with a double to centerfield, scoring Scooter Bynum. The Bulldog charge continued with Chris Byrd hitting an RBI single to tie the score at 2-2.

The Bulldogs increased the lead to 4-2 in the fifth inning with a homerun by power hitter Chris Byrd. However, with KMC picking up two runs in the bottom of the fifth after hits by Taylor Portman, Ryan Smith, and Jared Ash, the game was tied going into the sixth at 4-4.

While relief pitcher, Ryan Tannenbaum came in and was able to blank KMC in the sixth thanks to clutch catches in deep centerfield by Bulldog Ben Carson. With neither team being able to score in the final inning, the game was forced into extra innings to determine a winner. The Bulldogs weren't able to produce any runs in the seventh, but Tannenbaum shut out KMC in the inning with '3 up and 3 down.' The Bulldogs broke open the game in the top of the eighth to take a commanding six-run lead, powered

by a four-run grand slam by Chris Byrd, his second homerun of the game.

KMC, never giving up, came back with two runs in the final inning, but fell short 10-6 when relief pitcher Patrick came to the mound with bases loaded but ended the KMC rally with back-to-back strikeouts and forced a fly ball to center field for the final out. The win gave both the SW Bulldogs and KMC one loss each, forcing the "if" game on Sunday.

In the championship game on Sunday, KMC jumped out to an early 4-0 lead and kept SW Bulldog bats quiet with strong pitching by KMC starter Taylor Portman. However, the SW Bulldogs came alive in the fourth with hits by CJ Kellogg, Connor Rinoski, Tommy Jackson, followed by a three-run homerun by Joe "Fish" Patrick, his second of the tournament, to take a 8-4 lead.

Going into the fifth, KMC came back and loaded the bases, but relief pitcher Joe "Fish" Patrick came in and again shut down the rally with a double play and strikeout to end the

inning. In the sixth, Patrick shut down KMC with two strikeouts and forced a pop fly to end the game and capture the championship.

Up next, Poland tourney

The Bulldogs 8-4 victory earns the team the chance to represent Germany in the Little League Baseball Transatlantic Regional Tournament in Kutno, Poland July 23 to 29. The Bulldogs will face American teams from Europe and the Middle East, with the winner earning a trip to the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa.

SW Bulldog players are Ryan Tannenbaum, Dylan Measells, Roderick "Skooter" Bynum, Tommy Jackson, Tommy Cashman, Joseph "Fish" Patrick, Connor Rinoski, John McKeivitt, C.J. Kellogg, Kevin Perry, Ben Carson, Chris Byrd, Jack Smith, and Jack Maccagnan. Coaches are Larry Tannenbaum, Bruce Carson, Kelly Measells.

Tannenbaum is head coach of the Stuttgart/Wiesbaden Bulldogs.

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New policy outlines rapid access to care for Warriors in Transition

Story by Jerry Harben
U.S. Army Medical Command
Public Affairs Office

Army hospitals will provide routine tests and treatment more rapidly for Warriors in Transition and Soldiers within 90 days of deploying or within 180 days of return from deployment, according to a U.S. Army Medical Command policy memorandum issued May 30.

The new policy shortens the access to care standards for routine primary care from seven days to three working days, and for specialty care from 28 days to seven working days (three working days in some cases of initial specialty care). It also establishes standards of seven days for diagnostic tests and 14 days for medically indicated non-emergency surgeries required to reach optimum medical benefit or fitness for duty status. The access to care standard for urgent care remains 24 hours.

Warriors in Transition are defined as Soldiers who meet the qualifications for medical hold, medical holdover or active duty medical extension; and Active Component Soldiers who require a medical evaluation board or have complex medical needs requiring more than six months of treatment. The term does not normally apply to Soldiers in initial entry training, advanced individual training or one station unit training.

Warriors in Transition are to receive an initial evaluation screening within one working day after entering a Warrior Transition Unit, the organizations that provide command

and control support for such Soldiers at Army hospitals.

"This population has a need for expedited medical care. We want to quickly return these Soldiers to duty, or transition them to civilian life. We developed this policy to ensure Soldiers can rapidly access the care they need," said Maj. Bill Judd, senior health policy analyst in Medical Command's directorate of health policy and services.

Every Army hospital now will dedicate at least one physician to the medical evaluation board process, which determines if injured Soldiers meet standards to remain in the Army. Warriors in Transition will be assigned primary care managers and nurse care managers, and at some facilities social workers, to help them complete their treatment and navigate the health-care system. Physical Evaluation Board Liaison Officers, who counsel soldiers undergoing physical disability evaluation, will be certified through standardized training.

"We understand that to speed these Soldiers through the system and also meet access standards for other beneficiaries, we might have to refer more patients to network civilian providers," Judd said.

Soldiers' families or retired service members who cannot be seen at a military facility receive subsidized care through the TRICARE network of more than 220,000 civilian health-care providers and 55,000 retail pharmacies.

The changes should be in effect by the end of July.

Stuttgart Health Clinic opens new TRICARE annex, pharmacy wing

Story by Alyssa Robertson
Citizen Staff Writer

The U.S. Army Health Clinic on Patch Barracks opened two new sectors - a pharmacy wing and TRICARE annex - during a July 2 ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The event was held in front of the clinic with guests from both the Stuttgart military community and Heidelberg Medical Center.

The extensions had been in planning for almost two years and was realized by the numerous suggestions voiced by both patients and staff members.

Many felt that there was not enough privacy at the pharmacy check-out desk, as well as an inadequate amount of treatment space. The two-year construction phase, at a budget of \$1.3 million, was completed this May and adds an extra 4,500 sq. ft. of space to be used.

The pharmacy wing features new physicians' offices, exam rooms, a new entrance for pharmacy traffic, and a much-needed expansion to the customer waiting area for pharmaceutical care.

The second addition - the TRICARE annex - offers new offices for customer service professionals, and a large office area for the health clinic logistics staff.

The two new wings provide a higher



Alyssa Robertson

The Stuttgart Health Clinic unveils its new pharmacy and TRICARE annexes during a July 2 ceremony.

quality-of-life for the Stuttgart community and make patients as well as staff members feel better when coming to the clinic, said Col. Richard Marple, the clinic commander.

The U.S. Army Health Clinic encourages people to fill out customer comment cards or visit the ICE Web site to make the clinic even better, added Marple.

During the ceremony, special thanks were given to the U.S. Army Health Clinic, U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart, Heidelberg Medic Department, Manfred Marks and his team from Bilfinger Berger AG, Carl Pritchard and the staff at the USAG Stuttgart Department of Public Works, Hochbauamt Reutlingen, Conrad Bektholdt, Architect Armin Lang, and the U.S. Army Corp. of Engineers for making all of this possible.

HEALTH CARE CORNER

U.S. Army Health Clinic Stuttgart

Hours of Operation

Mon., Tues., Wed. & Fri.: 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Thursdays: 1 to 4 p.m.

Military Sick Call

Mon. to Fri.: 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.
Thursdays, 1 to 2 p.m.

Pharmacy

M, T, W, F: 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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Immunizations

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Well Baby Care

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M, T, W, F: 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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Physical Exams

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430-6817/civ. 0711-680-6817

Well Woman Care

Every Wednesday

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Tricare beneficiaries can also make appointments online.
Visit www.tricareonline.com.

Stuttgart Dental Clinic

Hours of Operation

Mon. to Fri.: 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. & 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Active-Duty Sick Call

Mon. to Fri.: 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.

All Others Sick Call

Mon. to Fri.: 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Appointments

430-8626/civ. 0711-680-8626

Garmisch Dental Clinic

Hours of Operation

Mon., Wed & Fri: 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Tue: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. / Thurs: 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Military Sick Call

Mon. to Fri.: 7:30 to 8 a.m.

Appointments

440-3414/civ. 08821-750-3414

Note

In accordance with Army Regulation 40-3, dental services are limited to space-available care for other than active-duty servicemembers

In case of an after-hours emergency call the MP desk to access the on-call patient liaison:
Stuttgart 430-5262/civ. 0711-680-5262 / Garmisch 440-3827/civ. 08821-750-3827



Residents of Hamburg truck down fresh fish from the Elbe River during the annual *Hamburger Fischmarkt* through July 15 on Stuttgart's Karlsplatz. Stuttgart sends its Wine Village in a decades-old tradition of friendly festival exchange.

Hamburg's fish market, a big catch in Stuttgart

Story & photos by Brandon Beach

Every year, fish from the Elbe River manage to find their way south to Stuttgart.

They don't swim downstream though; instead, they take Autobahn 7 via ice-packed trucks to be the guest of honor at the annual *Hamburger Fischmarkt* through July 15.

For decades, Hamburg and Stuttgart have swapped festivals each summer, with southern wine makers trekking north to set up the *Weindorf* (Wine Village) for harbor city residents.

While Stuttgart ages wine, Hamburg chucks fish, which the city has been doing every Sunday since 1703, starting just before sun up at 5 a.m. in the famous century-old Fish Auction Hall.

But don't expect such an early morning nose-full of cod in Stuttgart.

The market opens daily at 11 a.m. and closes up by 11 p.m.

The festival grounds are centrally located at *Karlsplatz*, minutes by foot from the *Königsstraße*, Stuttgart's downtown pedestrian shopping strip.

Besides the numerous varieties of fish on display, the rowdy auctioneers will steal the show during the 10-day festival. These humorous stage hawkers will cajole, flirt and tease passersby in an attempt to sell their raw goods.

They are also multilingual, so don't be shy.

If a taste of the sea makes you do an about-face, then enjoy a local Hamburg brew such as *Ratsherrn* (pils) or *Dubelsbrucker* (dark).

Both beers are drunk in vast quantities each night in the bars that dot the *Reeperbahn*, one of the most famous red-light districts in the world.

In Stuttgart, throngs of young marketgoers converge at the steps of the Emperor Wilhelm I statue in the middle of the *Karlsplatz* to boogie to live music and perhaps catch a phone number.

The festival's most visual food booth is a replica red-and-white light house, where the fish is fried, flipped and flung from the top of the tower down a twisting chute arriving sizzling hot on a plate and served to the customer.

This and other surprises await any first-time visitor to Hamburg's traveling fish circus.

Just the facts

The festival has no parking facilities, so it's best to hop on the city train (take U-train 5 or 6 to the *Charlottenplatz* or *Schlossplatz* stops if coming from Kelley Barracks by bus 73 or 75). From Patch, take the S-train to either *Schlossplatz* or *Hauptbahnhof* exits.

For a complete list of train departure and arrival times visit www.reiseauskunft.bahn.de.

For more about the festival visit www.stuttgart.de.



In Hamburg, the Fish Market opens every Sunday starting at 5 a.m. in the century-old Fish Auction Hall near the harbor. It's an unforgettable experience for any visitor who arrives in Germany's most famous port city.

OUT & ABOUT

MTV Hip Hop Open set for July 21

Hip hop legends of the "36 Chambers," Wu Tang Clan headlines this year's MTV Hip Hop Open July 21 in Stuttgart's Reitsstadion.

Music starts at 10 a.m. with more than 15 rap artists taking the stage including Jan Delay, IAM, Lady Sovereign, Dendemann, Prinz Pi and Blumentopf.

Tickets run 46.20 euro and may be purchased at www.eventbuero.com.

The stadium is located on the Canstatter Wasen fairgrounds (U-Bahn 11 to Gottlieb Daimler).

For more information visit www.hiphopopen.de.

DAZ events in July

Celebrating the 100th birthday of Hollywood film legend John Wayne, DAZ presents a screening of the 1975 western, "Rooster Cogburn," July 17, 7:30 p.m. Katherine Hepburn, who played Eula Goodnight in the film, a Bible-thumping missionary who teams up with Wayne to avenge the death of her father, would have celebrated her 100th birthday this year in May.

The center is located at Charlottenplatz 17 (U-Bahn 5 or 6). For a complete list of DAZ-sponsored activities visit www.daz.org or call 0711-22-8180.

Design exhibit at IFA

Germany's leading institute on foreign cultural relations is headquartered right here in Stuttgart.

This month, the Institute für Auslandsbeziehungen, or IFA, hosts the exhibit, "Interior Design in India." The gallery is located on Charlottenplatz 17. To get there, take U-Bahn 5 or 6 to the Charlottenplatz stop.

Opening hours are Tuesdays to Fridays, noon to 6 p.m., and weekends, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Additional evening hours are Thursdays until 8 p.m.

For more information visit www.ifa.de. The exhibit is open until through Aug. 12. Entrance is free.

Three Musketeers, the musical

SI Centrum's Palladium Theatre presents the swash-buckling musical smash, "The Three Musketeers."

Tickets range from 40 to 139 euro depending on seating and may be purchased by calling 01805-4444.

The theater is located on Pleningerstraße 100, which is a short 5-minute walk from the main gate on Kelley Barracks.

For more information on dates and times visit the SI Centrum online at www.si-centrum.de.

Suzanne Vega to play Theaterhaus

With hits such as "Luka" and "Tom's Diner," singer-songwriter Suzanne Vega plays music from her new album, "Beauty & Crime," July 30, 8 p.m., in Stuttgart's Theaterhaus.

Tickets cost 39 euro and may be purchased online at www.musiccircus.de.

The hall is located at Siemensstrasse 11, just minutes from Robinson Barracks. Take U-trains 5, 6 or 13 to Pragsattel, and from there, it's a short walk.

For more information on upcoming concerts at Theaterhaus visit www.theaterhaus.de.

Stuttgart hosts week of jazz

The biggest names in jazz - Joss Stone, Amy Winehouse, John Legend, Wynton Marsalis and others - take the stage during the Stuttgart Jazz Open through July 15. Open air concerts will take place in the afternoon in the Pariser Platz, with evening performances held in BIX Jazz Club.

For details on when and who will be playing where, visit www.bw-bank-jazzopen.com.

Open House at SI-Center

The SI-Center hosts its annual Open House July 15 with entertainment starting at 11 a.m. to include: Bouncy castle for kids, fortune tellers, Playstation 2 competitions for all ages, rockwall climbing, and a tour through Stuttgart's very own casino.

Entrance is free and open to everyone. Underground parking is available for 1.50 euro at the center.

For details and directions on how to get there, visit www.si-centrum.de.

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